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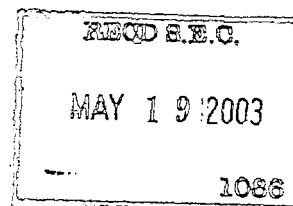
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, THE MILLS CORPORATION, 8.75% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 19, 2003. Tentative listing date - May 22, 2003.

Sincerely,